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one sketch on dittoREMARKS                     

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1. The reserve officer school in C. Budejovice (O 49/2 96)                       
                     The                      The school was organized  
 as a company, composed of three platoons of three squads each. The  
 course                      included 100 students from air units of the  
 local garrisons of Vysoke Myto (O 50/N 08), Valasske Mezirici  
 (P 50/O 34), Zvolen (2 49/C 76) and Jicin (O 51/G 33). Captain Kulasik,  
 (fnu), a Slovak, was the CO of the unit, Lieutenant Kocmunda (fnu), was  
 the instructor, a junior lieutenant was the information officer and there  
 were six regular sergeants. The trainees were armed with German rifles,  
 light machine guns, submachine guns and practice hand grenades.

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2. The school was in Camp Plana, 4 kms south of the center of C. Budejovice.  
 The camp, which was built in World War II, was enclosed by a wire fence.

3.                       
                     The main subject was political indoctrination which was taught  
 3 to 4 hours daily. Drill practice and combat training were conducted  
 in the field. Two lectures on counterespionage were delivered twice by  
 unknown officers. Lessons in Russian were attended voluntarily. The  
 students were given leave, in groups, only on Sundays. About one-sixth  
 of the students were Slovaks and the rest Czechs. Sixty to seventy per-  
 cent were members of the KSC (Communist Youth Organization). \*

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4. Within the fenced-in area of Camp Plana was the SIB airfield of C. Bude-  
 jovice, 1 x 2 km. \*\* The field was observed between 26 December 1949 and  
 15 February 1950 during field exercises of the reserve officer school.  
 It was 4 km south of the town center of C. Budejovice along the C. Bude-  
 jovice-Krumau (1 49/2 44) road, bordered by woods on the west and meadows  
 on the other three sides. There were no obstacles nearby. The field was  
 entered from the C. Budejovice-Krumau road. A railroad spur track was not  
 available at the field which was an improved military airfield. A con-  
 crete runway was being constructed.

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5. Only two of the four hangars, two wooden and two brick buildings, were occupied by Storchs, Arados and Me-109s. The planes were flown by SNB pilots. A radio, DF and teletype station were at the field. \* The field was guarded by details of the local garrison and not by SNB troops. The SNB units checked the aircraft flying in the western border area. All of the pilots were former military pilots who had been taken over by the SNB. They wore blue air force

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Comment. This is the first report on the reserve officer school in the camp of the C. Budejovice airfield. The reserve officer candidates are apparently given infantry training. Reserve officer schools for pilots are in Prostějov and Pardubice. Lieutenant Kocmunda, (fnu), reportedly instructor at the school, graduated from the military pilots academy in Koenigsgraetz, according to a press report of 6 June 1948. According to a report of 15 October 1949 the camp was occupied by the 2d Air Force Replacement Regt under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Barta, (fnu), this unit,

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is believed to have been transferred.

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Comment. For layout sketch of airfield, see Annex 2. The data on the airfield agree with previous information. The E-W runway is allegedly 50 x 1,200 meters and the N-S runway 50 x 800 meters. Since only two hangars are occupied by planes of the SNB unit, this is apparently the only air unit which is still stationed at the field. The 5th Ftr Regt of the 2d Div, which was previously stationed at the field, no longer appears to be there. The present location of this fighter regiment is not known.

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- 2 Annexes: 1. Standard Manpower Questionnaire.  
2. Layout Sketch of SNB Airfield at C. Budejovice.

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